

Georgia Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp



Photo Identification: Outreach and Education Highlights

- 5,720 radio PSAs featuring then-Secretary of State Karen Handel and Atlanta Falcons players
- Increased awareness of the photo ID requirement, voter registration deadlines, and early voting options
- directing fans to visit the Secretary of State's website for more information on Atlanta Falcons home games featured end zone-to-end zone LED banners photo ID, voter registration and early voting
- 400 ads were placed inside Atlanta's MARTA buses to remind riders of photo ID news casts, traffic reports, Atlanta Braves games, and on Clear Channel websites. Radio ads were purchased statewide on Clear Channel stations for airing during



Radio PSAs

Press releases

70

Over 60, 610



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Media Type	Number
Direct Mail and Utility Bill Inserts	Over 5,009,700 pieces
Packages of Photo ID Materials to NGOs (Chambers of Commerce, Churches, Libraries)	633 packages; over 57,000 pieces
Automated Reminder Phone Calls	83,500
Video PSAs	1,232



LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2011

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB14 by Fraser (Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification; providing criminal penalties.), As Passed 2nd House

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB14, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$2,024,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	(\$2,024,000)
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2012	(\$2,024,000)
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would exempt certain disabled voters from presenting additional identification for voting, other than the voter registration certificate, if the voter submits written document from the United States Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant has a disability or the Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing the applicant has a disability rating of at least 50 percent along with a statement that the applicant does not have an acceptable form of identification. The bill would also require voter registration certificates to contain an indication that the disabled voter is exempted from presenting additional identification, other than the voter registration certificate, before being accepted for voting.

The bill would require the voter registrar of each county to provide a notice of identification requirements for voting with each initial voter registration certificate or renewal registration certificate

issued. The Secretary of State (SOS) and the voter registrar of each county that maintains a website would be required to post on their websites, in each language in which voter registration materials are available, a notice of the identification requirements, and county clerks would be required to post a physical copy in each language voter registration materials are available. SOS would be required to prescribe the wording of these notices. SOS would also be required to establish a statewide effort to educate voters regarding the identification requirements for voting and would be required to include education targets at low-income and minority voters.

The bill would require training standards to include instructions on the acceptance and handling of the identification presented by a voter to an election officer and each election clerk would be required to complete this training.

The presiding judge at each polling place would be required to post in a prominent location outside of the location a list of the acceptable forms of identification and the list would have to be separate from any other notices.

The Secretary of State would be required to develop standards for accepting voters when determining whether the voter's name on the voter's form of identification is substantially similar when the name does not match exactly with the name on the list of registered voters and the voter submits an affidavit stating that the voter is the person on the list of registered voters.

The Secretary of State would be required to prescribe the wording for written notifications of the identification requirements for voting beginning with elections held after January 1, 2012 and election officers would be required to provide this written notification of voting identification requirements to voters who do not meet identification requirements. This section would expire September 1, 2017.

The Secretary of State would be required to prescribe procedures for voters who provisionally vote without proper identification to present proof of identification to the voter registrar not later than the sixth day after the date of the election.

The bill would require a temporary license issued by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to include the photograph of the person to whom the license is issued and would require the temporary license to be issued on the day of application if all application requirements are met. If the applicant is out of state or a member of the armed forces of the United States, DPS would be allowed to issue a temporary license without a photograph of the license holder until the applicant has time to appear and be photographed and a license with a photograph is issued.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) would be prohibited from collecting a fee for a personal identification certificate or a duplicate personal identification certificate issued to a person who states that they are obtaining the personal identification certificate to meet voting identification requirements and does not have another form of acceptable identification and that person meets certain other voter registration criteria.

The bill would repeal Sections 63.007 and 63.008 of the Election Code related to voters with incorrect certificates who are not on the voter list and voters without certificates who are not on the voter list.

The Secretary of State (SOS) would be required to adopt the training standards and to develop training materials as soon as practicable after September 1, 2011. Each county clerk would be required to provide a session of training using the standards adopted by and the materials developed by SOS as soon as practicable as well.

The bill would change an offense under this section after January 1, 2012 to a second degree felony from a third degree felony unless the person is convicted of an attempt, in which case, the offense would be a state jail felony instead of a Class A misdemeanor.

The bill would expand the uses of state funds disbursed under Chapter 19 of the Election Code to include additional expenses related to coordinating voter registration drives or other activities designed to expand voter registration. This section would expire January 1, 2013.

The bill would state that if any provision in the bill is found by a court to be invalid, the remainder of the bill would be allowed to stand alone.

Sections pertaining to providing notice of voter identification requirements, providing voter identification training, providing voter education to the public, and expanding the uses of voter registration funds would be effective September 1, 2011. The remainder of the bill would be effective January 1, 2012.

Methodology

The fiscal impact of the bill excluding technology costs is estimated to be \$2,000,000 million for fiscal year 2012 out of the General Revenue Fund. The estimate includes \$0.5 million to research and develop ways to inform the public of the new identification requirements. Additional costs are estimated to be \$1.5 million for media advertisements: television (\$750,000), radio (\$300,000), print (\$300,000), and internet (\$150,000). The Secretary of State indicates that federal funds associated with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) may be available for use but the agency would first need to verify this with the federal government.

The Secretary of State would also be required to prescribe the wording for voter identification requirement notifications in each language voter registration materials are available, develop training materials on voter identification requirements, and develop standards for accepting voters when determining whether the voter's name on the voter's form of identification is substantially similar to the name on the list of registered voters. It is assumed that any fiscal implication associated with these responsibilities could be absorbed within existing resources.

The fiscal impact of expanding the uses of funds disbursed under Chapter 19 of the Election Code to include coordinating voter registration drives or other activities designed to expand voter registration is unknown because it is not known how many voter registration drives or other activities designed to expand voter registration would occur.

The fiscal impact of the costs and revenue loss from the prohibition of DPS to collect a fee for a personal identification certificate and duplicate personal identification certificate issued to a person seeking the certificate for the purpose of voting is unknown because it is not known how many people would make a request for a personal identification certificate for voting.

Technology

The technology fiscal impact of the bill is estimated to be \$24,000 for programming costs associated with creating an indicator on voter registration certificates for voters with certain disabilities. The notification would inform election officers at polling places that voters with certain disabilities are exempted from presenting additional identification other than the voter registration certificate. The Secretary of State indicates that federal funds associated with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) may be available for use but the agency would first need to verify this with the federal government.

It is assumed that the state's online portal would need to be modified to allow the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to transmit photographs to be printed on duplicate personal identification certificates. If the DPS and the state's online portal systems are compatible for transmission, it is assumed that the fiscal impact of this could be absorbed within existing resources. If the systems are not compatible, it is assumed there would be additional costs.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require counties to notify registered voters of changes online if the county maintains a website, at polling locations, and included with voter registration certificates. Election clerks would be required to undergo training regarding accepted forms of voter identification. The bill would also require an applicant who wishes to receive an exemption from certain voter identification requirements on the basis of disability to include with the person's application documentation that the applicant has been determined to have a disability.

Texas Association of Counties (TAC) gathered the following information from counties:

Bexar County stated that due to limited space on current registration certificates, larger cards would be necessary resulting in additional costs of \$381,256 for cards, printing and postage. Bexar County also reported costs of \$1,500 for providing voter ID informational posters in Spanish and English in 24-point font, and \$2,500 in new costs per election regarding printing new forms and provisional envelopes for information for voters not accepted for voting because of failure to present the required identification. Bexar County also anticipates \$50,000 in new costs associated with scanning disability affidavits and another \$50,000 associated with being required to validate provisional envelopes.

Brazoria County estimated that the county clerk would be responsible \$1,500 in new costs to reprint provisional envelopes. The Brazoria County Tax Assessor-Collector anticipates \$40,159 in new costs associated with printing provisional envelopes, in addition to the costs of printing new voter information (Brazoria County reported that these costs would vary depending on the specific requirements of the information to be provided).

Tarrant County anticipated a one-time cost of \$8,000 to reprint provisional balloting materials and provide new notices.

Comal County anticipated approximately \$30,000 in new costs per election for staff at voting precincts and the early voting ballot board. The Comal County Tax Office reported costs of \$2,860 to print identification requirements, \$22,700 for envelopes, and \$19,880 for postage to comply with the provisions of the bill.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405 Department of Public Safety

LBB Staff: JOB, SD, MS, BTA, KKR

2014 Voter Education Campaign Phase 1- about \$400,000 (HAVA)

- I. Paid Media
 - A. Used TV, Radio, Print and Online advertising
 - B. Generated more than 14 million impressions
 - C. Leveraged PSA to double budget, usually received a 1 for 1 match
 - D. Targeted rural voters, African American voters, and Hispanics
 - E. All paid media in English and Spanish
 - F. The ads polled well in post-phase I research. When shown the TV ad, 4 out of 5 said they felt favorable to the TV ad and 3 out of 4 found the ad informative and easy to understand.

II. Earned Media

- A. Secretary Berry visited more than 7 media markets across the state to promote voter education and knowledge of photo ID requirements
- B. press releases sent and printed throughout the state
- C. Secretary Berry wrote an op-ed which appeared in the Houston Chronicle.
- D. Radio tours where Secretary Steen called radio stations across the state for interviews publicizing the photo ID requirements
- E. Media releases for all our EIC locations, and Houston Press Conference for EIC mobile station kickoff

III. Web and Social Media

- A. frequent photo ID messages and reminders posted to our established VoteTexas twitter and facebook and reweeted through SOS twitter account
- B. early use of VoteTexas Instagram to encourage voting, role will be expanded in phase II of the campaign
- C. VoteTexas app updated and reflected photo ID info

2014 Voter Education Campaign Phase II- about \$1.6 million (HAVA)

Please note: Phase II is in the planning stage

- I. Paid Media
 - A. continue to use TV, Radio, Print and Online advertising
 - B. focus outreach on Hispanic voters, African American Voters, rural voters and young voters
 - C. Will likely continue to use the same advertisements as phase I as those were well received and effective
 - D. May use other forms of paid media such as outdoor advertising and direct mail to get the word out
- II. Earned Media
 - A. Secretary Berry will continue to travel the state to promote voter education
 - B. PR efforts to remind people of May 10 and May 27 elections
 - C. we will continue to distribute and promote press releases sent and printed throughout the state
 - D. Op-eds from Secretary Berry and possibly other opinion leaders
 - E. Radio tours where Secretary Steen called radio stations across the state for interviews publicizing the photo ID requirements
 - F. Media releases for all our EIC locations
 - G. outreach and information kits to stakeholders such as faith groups, community groups, elected officials, appropriate opinion leaders
 - H. Special events to help promote VoteTexas resources

III. Web and Social Media

- A. frequent photo ID messages and reminders posted to our established VoteTexas twitter and facebook and reweeted through SOS twitter account
- B. expanded use of Instagram account to compliment other social media activities
- C. Continue to update and promote photo ID educational materials on VoteTexas.gov